

## House Resolution 2076

By: Representatives Holmes of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Dean of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Heckstall of the 62<sup>nd</sup>, Thomas of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough, Senior Pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church  
2 in Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough was born in the Summerhill neighborhood  
4 of southwest Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Morris Brown College and the Gammon Seminary of the  
6 Interdenominational Theological Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough has served as a friend and pastor for 40 years for  
8 congregations in Chicago and Atlanta where he has helped to lead churches through racial  
9 transitions; and

10 WHEREAS, under Dr. Kimbrough's leadership, Cascade United Methodist Church has  
11 grown to approximately 7,000 members and has become a light in the metro Atlanta  
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, he has been active on numerous boards in the United Methodist Church and the  
14 community, including the United Methodist Publishing Board, the Board of Ordained  
15 Ministry (North Georgia Conference), and Houston-Tillotson Board of Trustees; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough has been awarded numerous awards and honorary degrees  
17 from many organizations, including the Chairman's Award from the Convocation for Pastors  
18 of African-American Churches, the Philips Award from the National Association of United  
19 Methodist Evangelists, the Bridge Building Award from Atlanta Technical College, the  
20 Derman Award for Excellence in Evangelism, the John Wesley Clergy Award, and three  
21 honorary doctorate degrees; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough is the author of the book *Nothing is Impossible* and is a  
2 contributor to the volumes *365 Meditations for Men* and *365 Meditations for Families*; and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough is retiring on June 30, 2006.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 members of this body commend the Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough for his outstanding  
6 leadership, evangelism, pastorates, and lifetime of contributions to the ministry of the United  
7 Methodist Church and bringing thousands of souls to Christ.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Walter L.  
10 Kimbrough.